

Amendments to the Claims

The following is a listing of allowed claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (Previously presented) A trash container kit comprising:

a floor panel for enclosing the bottom of a trash container;
a left side panel for enclosing the left side of said trash container;

a right side panel for enclosing the right side of said trash container;

a back panel for enclosing the back of said trash container;
a front panel for enclosing the front of said trash container;
a cover for enclosing the top of said trash container, said cover constructed and arranged to provide ingress into said trash container and facilitate removal of trash from said trash container, said cover constructed and arranged to cooperate with said left, right, back, and front panels to retain a trash bag in an open position within said trash container, said cover including a lid portion hingedly mounted for providing an opening to place trash in said open trash bag;

wherein at least one of said left panel, said right panel, said back panel and said front panel includes;

a bottom edge having two downwardly extending feet constructed and arranged to engagingly cooperate with adjacent panels;

a top edge including an upwardly extending lip constructed and arranged to cooperate with said cover panel to secure a trash bag in an open position;

a first edge having an attachment means constructed and arranged to cooperate with an adjacent panel in a perpendicular relationship;

a second edge having an attachment means constructed and arranged to cooperate with an adjacent panel in a perpendicular relationship;

wherein said trash container can be shipped in a disassembled state and assembled on a desired site.

Claim 2. (original) The trash container kit of claim 1 wherein said floor panel includes;

a top surface constructed and arranged to provide a rigid and stable generally flat surface;

a bottom surface constructed and arranged to provide rigidity and stability to said trash container;

four like constructed edges having a means of attaching said floor panel to said left, right, front and back wall panels;

Claim 3. (original) The trash container kit of claim 2 wherein said means of attaching said floor panel to said left, right, front and back wall panels includes a plurality of locking posts arranged in a linear fashion and extending outwardly from said edges, said locking posts constructed and arranged to cooperate with inwardly extending sockets in said left, right, front and back wall panels;

wherein said wall panels are secured to said floor panel via said locking post and said socket cooperation.

Claim 4. (original) The trash container kit of claim 2 wherein said bottom surface of said floor panel includes integrally formed cross-bracing;

wherein said cross-bracing provides increased weight capacity and stability to said trash container.

Claim 5. (cancelled)

Claim 6. (Previously presented) The trash container kit of claim 1 wherein said first edge attachment means includes at least one

integrally formed elongated contoured interlock post and said second edge attachment means includes at least one integrally formed elongated contoured interlock post;

wherein said at least one first edge elongated contoured interlock post is brought into an overlapping relationship with at least one corresponding elongated contoured interlock socket in said back panel and said at least one second edge elongated contoured interlock post is brought into an overlapping relationship with at least one corresponding elongated interlock socket in said front panel resulting in a mechanically secure connection between said left, front and back panels.

Claim 7. (cancelled)

Claim 8. (cancelled)

Claim 9. (Previously presented) The trash container kit of claim 1 wherein said back panel includes;

a top edge having an attachment means constructed and arranged to cooperate with said cover panel in a pivotable relationship.

Claim 10. (Previously presented) The trash container kit of claim

1 wherein said two downwardly extending feet on said bottom edge of said back panel are constructed and arranged to overlap and mateably engage at least one of said downwardly extending feet of said left and said right panels securing said panels together in an inter-fitting engagement, thereby increasing the structural integrity of said trash container by inhibiting said panels from bowing or bending inwardly or outwardly.

Claim 11. (Previously presented) The trash container kit of claim 1 wherein said first edge attachment means includes at least one integrally formed elongated contoured interlock socket and said second edge attachment means includes at least one integrally formed elongated contoured interlock socket;

wherein said at least one first edge elongated contoured interlock socket is brought into an overlapping relationship with said at least one corresponding elongated contoured interlock post on said first edge of said left panel and said at least one second edge elongated contoured interlock socket is brought into an overlapping relationship with at least one corresponding elongated interlock post on said first edge of said right panel resulting in a mechanically secure connection between said right, left and back panels.

Claim 12. (original) The trash container kit of claim 9 wherein said top edge cover attachment means includes at least one hinge pin constructed and arranged for receiving a cover panel hinge pin receiver;

wherein said hinge pin receiver allows said cover to be installed and removed when said cover is in an open position and said cover is secure and non-removable when in a closed position.

Claim 13. (Previously presented) The trash container kit of claim 1 wherein said front panel includes;

a top edge including an attachment means constructed and arranged to cooperate with said cover panel in a securely releasable relationship.

Claim 14. (original) The trash container kit of claim 13 wherein said two downwardly extending feet on said bottom edge of said back panel are constructed and arranged to overlap and mateably engage at least one of said downwardly extending feet of said left and said right panels securing said panels together in an inter-fitting engagement, thereby increasing the structural integrity of said trash container by inhibiting said panels from bowing or bending inwardly or outwardly.

Claim 15. (original) The trash container kit of claim 13 wherein said first edge attachment means includes at least one integrally formed elongated contoured interlock socket and said second edge attachment means includes at least one integrally formed elongated contoured interlock socket;

wherein said at least one first edge elongated contoured interlock socket is brought into an overlapping relationship with at least one corresponding elongated contoured interlock post on said left panel and said at least one second edge elongated contoured interlock socket is brought into an overlapping relationship with at least one corresponding elongated interlock post on said right panel resulting in a mechanically secure connection between said right, left and back panels.

Claim 16. (original) The trash container kit of claim 13 wherein said top edge cover attachment means includes at least one catch plate, said catch plate constructed and arranged to cooperate with a spring-lock depending from said cover for releasably securing said cover in a closed position.

Claim 17. (original) The trash container kit of claim 1 wherein said cover includes;

a top surface, said top surface including a pivotally attached lid member, said lid member including a latch means for releasably securing said lid member to said cover;

a bottom surface constructed and arranged to cooperate with said front panel, said back panel, said left panel, and said right panel;

a front edge having a latch means constructed and arranged for releasably securing said cover to said front panel;

a back edge having an hinge means constructed and arranged for pivotable securement of said cover to said back panel;

a left closed edge; and

a right closed edge.

Claim 18. (original) The trash container kit of claim 17 wherein said hinge means includes at least one hinge pin integrally formed on said back edge, said at least one hinge pin constructed and arranged to cooperate with said at least one hinge pin receiver;

wherein said hinge pin receiver allows said cover to be installed and removed when said cover is in an open position and said cover is secure and non-removable when in a closed position.

Claim 19. (original) The trash container kit of claim 18 wherein said cover latch means includes at least one spring lock depending from said bottom surface of said cover, said spring lock constructed and arranged to cooperate with said at least one catch plate on said front panel for releasably securing said cover.

Claim 20. (original) The trash container kit of claim 17 wherein said lid member latch means includes sliding latch, wherein said sliding latch has a first locked position and a second unlocked position.

Claim 21. (original) The trash container kit of claim 2 wherein said bottom surface of said cover panel includes a groove extending substantially around the perimeter of said bottom surface, said groove constructed and arranged to cooperate with the top edge of said left side panel, said right side panel, said back panel, and said front panel;

wherein said groove increase the structural integrity of said trash container by inhibiting said panels from bowing or bending inwardly or outwardly.